

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—Section 906 and the amendment made by that section shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 29, 2001, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on "Housing and Community Development Needs: The FY 2003 HUD Budget."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 29, 2001, at 10:30 a.m. to hold a nomination hearing.

#### Agenda

Nominees: John V. Hanford, III, of Virginia, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom; Arthur E. Dewey, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Population, Refugees, and Migration); and John D. Ong, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to Norway.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, November 29, 2001, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen room 226.

#### Agenda

I. Committee Business: Subcommittees.

II. Unfinished Business: S. 986, A bill to allow media coverage of court proceedings [Grassley/Schumer/Leahy/Smith/Allard/Feingold / Specter/Durbin/DeWine/Allen/Edwards/Cantwell].

III. Nominations: Harris L. Hartz to be United States Circuit Court Judge for the Tenth Circuit; John D. Bates to be United States District Court Judge for the District of Columbia; Kurt D. Engelhardt to be United States District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana; Joe L. Heaton to be United States District Court Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma; William P. Johnson to be United States District Court Judge for the District of New Mexico; Clay D. Land to be United States District Court Judge for the Middle District of Georgia; Frederick J. Martone to be United States District Court Judge for the District of Arizona; Danny C. Reeves to be United States District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky; Julie A.

Robinson to be United States District Court Judge for the District of Kansas; James E. Rogan to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office at the Department of Commerce; and Thomas L. Sansonetti to be Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division.

To be United States Attorney: David R. Dugas for the Middle District of Louisiana; Edward H. Kubo for the District of Hawaii; James A. McDevitt for the Eastern District of Washington; David E. O'Mellia for the Northern District of Oklahoma; Sheldon S. Sperling for the Eastern District of Oklahoma; Johnny Keane Sutton for the Western District of Texas; and Richard S. Thompson for the Southern District of Georgia.

IV. Bills: S. 304, Drug Abuse Education, Prevention, and Treatment Act of 2001 [Hatch/Leahy/Biden/DeWine/Thurmond].

##### V. Resolutions:

S. Res. 140, A resolution designating the week beginning September 15, 2002, as "National Civic Participation Week" [Roberts/Feinstein/Reid/Warner].

H. Con. Res. 88, Expressing the sense of the Congress that the President should issue a proclamation recognizing a National Lao-Hmong Recognition Day.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 29, 2001 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a nomination hearing.

#### Agenda

Nominees: James McGee, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland; Kenneth Moorefield, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic; and John Price, of Utah, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Federal and Islamic Republic of The Comoros and Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, PROLIFERATION AND FEDERAL SERVICES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services be authorized to meet on Thursday, November 29, 2001 at 9:30 A.M. for a hearing entitled "Combating Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) with Non-Proliferation Programs: Non-Proliferation Assistance Coordination Act of 2001, Part II."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—S. 180

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Chair lay before the Senate a message from the House on S. 180, that the Senate disagree to the House amendment, agree to the request for a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, with no intervening action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. MURKOWSKI. On behalf of the majority leader, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: Nos. 573, 574, 576, 577 through 582, and the nominations on the Secretary's desk; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements thereon be printed in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

##### FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

John Thomas Korsmo, of North Dakota, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for a term expiring February 27, 2002.

John Thomas Korsmo, of North Dakota, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for a term expiring February 27, 2009. (Reappointment)

Franz S. Leichter, of New York, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for a term expiring February 27, 2006.

Allan I. Mendelowitz, of Connecticut, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for a term expiring February 27, 2007.

##### AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

##### To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Bruce A. Wright, 5759

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

##### To be general

Lt. Gen. Donald G. Cook, 6452

##### ARMY

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624: